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## SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

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REQUESTING THAT THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII AT MANOA COLLEGE OF  
TROPICAL AGRICULTURE AND HUMAN RESOURCES CONVENE A WORKING  
GROUP TO DEVELOP A COORDINATED FRAMEWORK OF SUPPORT FOR  
PRESCHOOL THROUGH POST-SECONDARY AGRICULTURE EDUCATION.

1 WHEREAS, the average age of farmers in Hawaii is over sixty  
2 years old; and

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4 WHEREAS, Hawaii does not have a viable farming workforce  
5 for future development and expansion of agricultural lands and  
6 food production; and

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8 WHEREAS, in order to meet the State's aspirations for  
9 increased food security and self-sufficiency, the number of  
10 local farms and farmers will need to increase significantly; and

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12 WHEREAS, in addition to crop and livestock production,  
13 farming today requires the ability to market products, ensure  
14 compliance with regulations, and run operations as a business;  
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17 WHEREAS, one of the main reasons for the shortage of labor  
18 in agriculture in Hawaii is insufficient interest by youth in  
19 pursuing the fields of agriculture and natural resource  
20 management; and

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22 WHEREAS, overall support for agriculture education among  
23 state agencies, including training for agriculture teachers, has  
24 declined in Hawaii; and

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26 WHEREAS, a coordinated framework of support for agriculture  
27 education does not currently exist among state agencies and  
28 other stakeholders; and  
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1 WHEREAS, agriculture education can serve as a foundation  
2 for future opportunities in agriculture-related career pathways;  
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5 WHEREAS, programs involving agriculture education,  
6 including farm to school and school garden programs, have been  
7 shown to improve student health, academic achievement, behavior,  
8 and interest in and awareness of food systems; and  
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10 WHEREAS, a vibrant grassroots movement in support of  
11 agriculture education through farm to school and school garden  
12 programs has emerged in Hawaii, along with a marked increase in  
13 new farmer training programs and other related efforts, that  
14 will greatly benefit from the establishment of a broad coalition  
15 and coordinated working group in support of agriculture  
16 education on behalf of Hawaii; and  
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18 WHEREAS, through agriculture education, the National  
19 Council for Agricultural Education envisions a world where all  
20 people value and understand the vital role of agriculture, food,  
21 fiber, and natural resources systems in advancing personal and  
22 global well-being; now, therefore,  
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24 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-eighth  
25 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2015, the  
26 House of Representatives concurring, that the University of  
27 Hawaii at Manoa College of Tropical Agriculture and Human  
28 Resources is requested to convene a working group to develop a  
29 coordinated framework of support for preschool through post-  
30 secondary (P-20) agriculture education and a plan for  
31 implementation by December 31, 2017; and  
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33 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the working group be led by the  
34 Dean of the University of Hawaii at Manoa College of Tropical  
35 Agriculture and Human Resources, or the Dean's designee; and  
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37 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the working group is requested  
38 to include but not be limited to the following members:  
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- 40 (1) The Chairperson of the Board of Agriculture or the  
41 Chairperson's designee;  
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- (2) The United States Secretary of Agriculture or the Secretary's designee;
- (3) A representative from the Hawaii Department of Education Office of Curriculum, Instruction, and Student Support, to be chosen by the Deputy Superintendent;
- (4) The Director of Labor and Industrial Relations or the Director's designee;
- (5) The Dean of the University of Hawaii at Manoa College of Education or the Dean's designee;
- (6) The Chancellor of the University of Hawaii-West Oahu or the Chancellor's designee;
- (7) The Dean of the University of Hawaii at Hilo College of Agriculture, Forestry, and Natural Resource Management or the Dean's designee;
- (8) A representative from the University of Hawaii Community Colleges to be chosen by the Dean of the University of Hawaii at Manoa College of Tropical Agriculture and Human Resources;
- (9) The Chair of the Senate Committee on Agriculture;
- (10) The Chair of the House of Representatives Committee on Agriculture;
- (11) The Chair of the Senate Committee on Education;
- (12) The Chair of the House of Representatives Committee on Education;
- (13) A representative from Hawaii Future Farmers of America Association, to be chosen by the Dean of the University of Hawaii at Manoa College of Tropical Agriculture and Human Resources;



- 1 (14) The President of the Hawaii 4-H Foundation Board of  
2 Trustees or the President's designee;  
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4 (15) The Executive Director of the Hawaii Association of  
5 Independent Schools or the Executive Director's  
6 designee;  
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8 (16) The Executive Director of the Hawaii Public Charter  
9 Schools Network or the Executive Director's designee;  
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11 (17) The Coordinator of the Hawaii Farm to School and  
12 School Garden Hui;  
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14 (18) The President of the Hawaii Farmers Union United Board  
15 of Directors or the President's designee;  
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17 (19) The Executive Director of the Hawaii Farm Bureau  
18 Federation or the Executive Director's designee; and  
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20 (20) The President of the Agricultural Leadership  
21 Foundation of Hawaii Board of Directors or the  
22 President's designee; and  
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24 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the working group is requested  
25 to submit a report, prepared by the University of Hawaii at  
26 Manoa College of Tropical Agriculture and Human Resources, of  
27 its implementation strategy and recommendations for developing a  
28 statewide coordinated framework of support for P-20 agriculture  
29 education, including any proposed legislation, to the  
30 Legislature no later than twenty days prior to the convening of  
31 the Regular Session of 2017; and  
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33 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the working group is requested  
34 to submit a report, prepared by the University of Hawaii at  
35 Manoa College of Tropical Agriculture and Human Resources, of  
36 the actual status of implementation of a statewide coordinated  
37 framework of support for P-20 agriculture education to the  
38 Legislature no later than twenty days prior to the convening of  
39 the Regular Sessions of 2018 and 2019; and  
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41 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
42 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the United States



1 Secretary of Agriculture; Governor; Chairperson of the Board of  
2 Agriculture; Chairperson of the Board of Education;  
3 Superintendent of Education; Deputy Superintendent of Education;  
4 Director of Labor and Industrial Relations; Dean of the  
5 University of Hawaii at Manoa College of Tropical Agriculture  
6 and Human Resources; Dean of the University of Hawaii at Manoa  
7 College of Education; Chancellor of the University of Hawaii-  
8 West Oahu; Dean of the University of Hawaii at Hilo College of  
9 Agriculture, Forestry, and Natural Resource Management;  
10 University of Hawaii Community Colleges; Hawaii Future Farmers  
11 of America Association; President of the Hawaii 4-H Foundation  
12 Board of Trustees; Executive Director of the Hawaii Association  
13 of Independent Schools; Executive Director of the Hawaii Public  
14 Charter Schools Network; Coordinator of the Hawaii Farm to  
15 School and School Garden Hui; President of the Hawaii Farmers  
16 Union United Board of Directors; Executive Director of the  
17 Hawaii Farm Bureau Federation; and President of the Agricultural  
18 Leadership Foundation of Hawaii Board of Directors.

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